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ARUBA AND CURACAO LABOR UNIONS PLANNING FOR ACTIONS

VENEZUELAN BUSINESSMEN VISITED ARUBA

ORANJESTAD—A delegation of Venezuelan businessmen visited Aruba from August 27 to 30. The intention of the visit of the delegation was to sign for the supply of food and pharmaceutical products; to study the possibilities for the building and expansion of hotels with Venezuelan capital and the creation of joint ventures between Venezuelan and Aruban entrepreneurs; The delegation consisted of representatives of food producers, textile manufacturers, shoe manufacturers, construction and pharmaceutical industries.



ORANJESTAD—Members of the Venezuelan trade mission met with the Adviser to the Aruba government, Mr. Betico Croes.

ORANJESTAD—In Aruba the United Labor Unions group is poised to act against the Aruba government proposed 8.20/o special tax on all workers incomes retroactive to september 1 and the gasoline price increase if the unpopular measures should be passed by the MEP run island government. The eight-union entity met tuesday

night in San Nicolas to form a common front to start protest actions against the highly unpopular special tax measures. After obtaining authorization from the Central Government to implement its own 8.2 percent special extra levy on incomes, the Aruba United Labor Unions warned that severe actions would


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Possible transfer Of Shell Refinery Next Week

WILLEMSTAD—According to information from Caracas monday night, there are indications that within five days an agreement will be reached between Venezuela and the Netherlands Antilles regarding the transfer of the Shell refinery. During the latest discussions between the three parties involved, Shell presented a proposition to transfer

the refinery to the Netherlands Antilles government for the symbolic sum of 1 guilder, but with a value of the costs and inventory of 65 million dollars. Venezuela claims that such an agreement would be favorable but insists on a guarantee for the necessary funds of cover the social benefits of the employees of the

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Editor's Corner

EFFICIENCY IS THE NAME OF THE GAME.....

Last week the Island Council passed a motion authorising the government to continue negotiations with the OGEM company, concerning the sale of the ELMAR to the island government. If the negotiations develop according to speculation the electric energy supply company will then be in the hands of the government. The question is: Will the government be able to administrate the supply of electricity as efficiently as the ELMAR has been doing throughout the years. It is a well-known fact that the ELMAR works with military precision. Its bills are always on the dot and its service is dependable: to move a meter from one place to another takes less than 48 hours. Can the government maintain that efficient record. That is doubtful. For instance, we are now in the month of september but our latest water bill received is for the month of April; to move a telephone from one address to another takes 6 weeks. And these are only two example of the blatant sloppiness in the various government departments. But, if taken seriously, it could be done efficiently and could even save money for the government. Following are some suggestions the same employee who checks the water meter could check the energy supply meter; the water and energy bills could be paid at the same office and all the necessary administration could be done jointly. Another suggestion is that the government could sell shares in the company to the people and make it a community project. This would prevent that important commodity from becoming another political pawn. Whether the name ne Arutil or whatever is not important. What is important is punctual and efficient service. That is what counts.

Village Talk



by **WILLY**

Village Talk

By Willy

A lady tell Willy day she husban' went to run wid de Charlie Bar Boozers an' he really come back home all booze up.

Well de bacanal start Willy hear dat dey start peltin' de politishuns dem in Curacao wid eggs.

A catoochi seller tell Willy dat tings so bad dat he goin start tellin' de people dem who win he to leave back a lil someting to keep de bisness goin'.

Well people could tink on tings. A old man tell Willy dat when de rats dem start comin' on deck the ship tekkin in watta.

Willy got a lil bit ah advice fo' de politishuns dem, al-yuh bettah start wearin' a safety hat loik Willy.

A fella tell Willy dat dis is one toim tings didn't go bettah wid Coca Cola. He say de Santa Cruz boys wash dem ouk.

Willy hear dat a Dominica bring she friends dem to beat up a fella. When de polees reach she tell dem dat he don't give she nuttin fo' a child she got fo' he, but de fella tell de polees dat he dunno nuttin bouk dat.

De schoolchildren dem askin' Willy wha' happen to S-United. Dey want to know if it gone in a winterslaap

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Rudy Petronia Graduates As A Lawyer

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after that he also studied at the "Christelijk Lyceum" of Tilburg, Holland. At the University of Amsterdam he studied psychology and later law. He is the 8th son of our old prime-minister Ernesto Petronia and Mrs. Petronia-Chacuto.



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refinery. According to a report monitored from Radio Caracas Monday night, Venezuela will lease the refinery from the Netherlands Antilles for the fabulous sum of 10 million dollars a month after the Netherlands Antilles government finalizes the agreement with Shell concerning the transfer of the refinery. The final contract will be signed in Curacao in five days time, barring any change in the agreement. On the part of Shell will be the condition that the government should

not make demands on Shell for polluting the environment. The contract with Venezuela will guarantee that the refinery will continue operating for three years, after which Venezuela must decide whether she will participate in the capital of the refinery or not. In Venezuela it is believed that such a development will create an outlet for Venezuela heavy crude oil and at the same time Venezuela will be doing Curacao an historical favor guaranteeing its very survival.

Bake Sale At Anglican Church

SAN NICOLAS—The Holy Cross Anglican Church is running its annual Big Sale and BBQ at its church hall with entrances from Weg Seroe Pretoe and Tulpenstraat, on Saturday 7th September, starting from 11 am and going onto 6 pm. Our BBQ section promises to be great and the usual good food associated with our Bake sale will

be available again this year. Proceeds in aid of our annual mission services, which will start on the 16th September and run nightly until the 22nd. Our mission priest is Father Hoskyns Huggins from St. Croix. And also to help cover the costs incurred by our recent renovations and constructions at the church.

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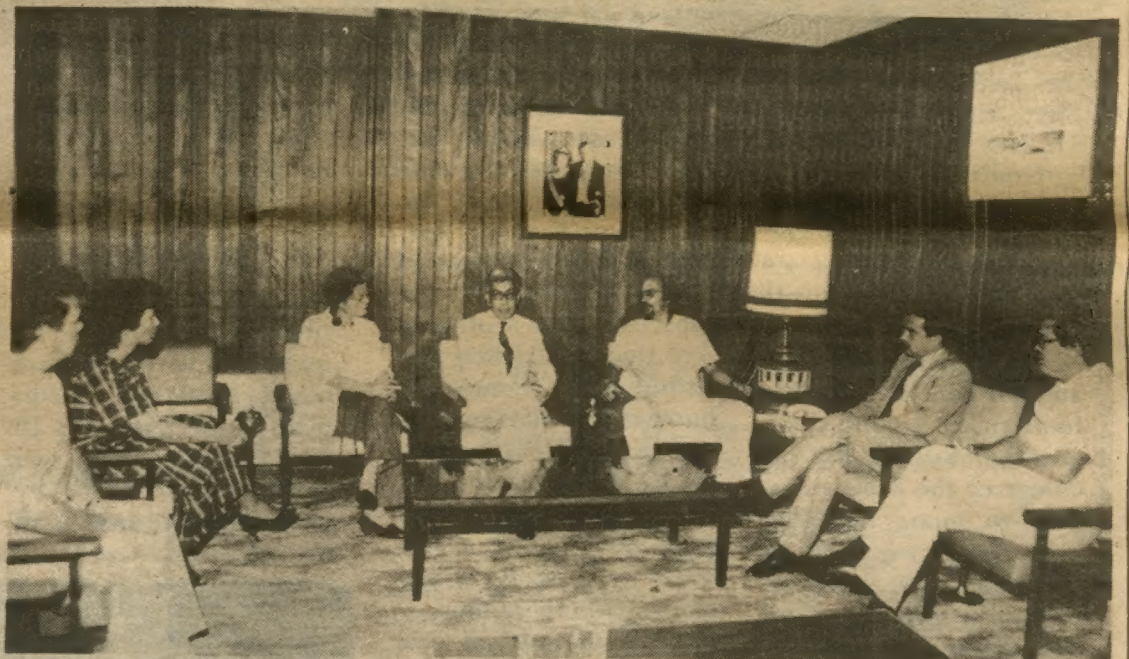
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ORANJESTAD—The Director of Protocol of Venezuela, Dr. Moriz Eiris Villegas, met with the members of the commission in charge of the preparation of the festivities in connection with the celebration of Status Aparte on January 6, 1986. Deputy Grace Bareño thanked the Venezuelan for his collaboration in making it possible for Arubans to attend a course in protocol in Caracas. Also present were: Atan Lee, Karel de Cuba, Mario Croes, Michael Croes, Leo Tromp and the secretary of the commission, Maritza Reyes.



ORANJESTAD—During a brief visit to Aruba the Chancellor of Venezuela, Dr. Simon Alberti Consalvi visited the building of the Sociedad Bolivariana and the Simon Bolivar Park. Mr. Consalvi was informed about the condition of the building and promised have an investigation made concerning the restoration of the premises. He said that he will do his utmost to have the building repaired before December 31, in view of the celebration of Status Aparte on January 6, 1986. In picture: Chancellor Consalvi (center) flanked by Deputies Grace Bareño and Nelson Oduber



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ORANJESTAD—As of September 3, 1985, the price of kerosine and gas oil in Aruba was increased as follows: the price of kerosine for the retailer is 44,0 cents per liter, for the consumer 52,7 cents per liter. The price of gas oil is 43,6 per liter for the retailer and 47,5 for the consumer.

Ten Commandments For Handling Money

We all know about the ten commandments of the Bible concerning morality. Most of us memorized them as children in church. A good number of us think we live by them daily. However most of us miss the fulfillment of them by a large margin. Do you know some other Ten Commandments as well. Let's look at the Ten Commandments in the use of money. That's not a bad idea in the days in which we live, is it. The Bible gives us some guidelines in how to use money and can get you out of debt and help you stay out. First of all, you must be in right relation to God to benefit from the Ten Commandments. That right relationship involves the acceptance of God's provision for salvation and entering into His presence as son and Father. Thus we can see that the first prerequisite is the acceptance of Jesus Christ as personal Savior and our dedication of life to Him. The second prerequisite is to obey the teachings of the Bible in regard to money matters. And finally, we need to recognize that what we have is a gift from God and we need to give account as to how we took care of it. Dr. Harold J. Sa-

la gives us the Ten Commandment no. 1: Thou shalt make God, not money, your goal in living. Tell me what you live a new home, a new car, a higher standard of living or whatever—and I'll tell you who is your God. Jesus put it so plainly. Seek first His Kingdom and his righteousness and all these things shall be added to you. (Matthew 6:33) Your primary vocation should be to live for Christ; your avocation should be to make a living—something we generally have reversed. "Commandment no. 2: Thou shalt live within thy income. Our scripture for this Commandment is Romans 13:8 which says 'Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another... That's blunt and to the point, but how can you live so that you don't owe even small sums of money to other people, especially your brother-in-law. Here's how. Live within your income by budgeting what you have. Live within your income by shopping sales and taking advantage of really good buys provided you really need what you are buying. Otherwise, those 'good buys' can get you into more trouble. 'Live within your income by

refusing to spend what you don't have. One of the greatest threats to this command is the availability of easy credit, which ends up to be anything but easy..." Commandment no. 3: Thou shalt decide who is to hold the purse strings and the scripture for this is the beautiful 31st chapter of Proverbs which tells how a godly woman manages the affairs of her household... "A word of warning: If you do this, be sure to sit down with her every few days and go over the finances so you know where you are, but she writes the checks and pays the bills..." Commandment no. 4: Thou shalt avoid purchases for which you must pay interest. Buying things when you don't have the money to pay for them violates the principle of Romans 13:8 which says to owe no man anything. Those easy finance charges or the interest you have to pay on credit cards (or credit plans) may run from 18 to 24% and when you consider how drastically your buying power is di-

minished, you can further see how unwise this is. "Commandment no. 5: Thou shalt avoid impulse buying. Impulse buying is what happens when you go shopping and didn't really intend to buy something, but you see it, and are tempted and can't resist. Twenty per cent of all retail sales fall into this category. The beautiful packaging and tempting displays are the lure that catches

the seduced customer—YOU. "Ask three questions when you are tempted: 1. Do I need this? 2. Can I afford it, and 3. Do I have a place to put it when I get it home. If all three are 'yes' answers go right ahead but if not, move fast away from that department.

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Betico Croes Official Candidate For Prime Minister

ORANJESTAD—Mr. Gilbert Francois (Betico) Croes was selected as the official candidate to become the first Prime Minister of Aruba. The decision was made during a MEP leaders congress held Sunday in the Palm Beach Room of the Holiday Inn Hotel. Mr. Croes was appointed by unanimous acclaim of all the MEP district leaders. Miss Grace Bareno gave an outline of Betico's outstanding leadership of the party for the past 14 years. Mr. Roland Lacle remarked that it is logical that after all the work done and the sacrifices made by Mr.

Croes it is the desire of the people that he be selected as the candidate to become Aruba's first Prime Minister. Following the an-

nouncement contact was made by telephone with Mr. Croes, who is in Miami for medical treatment, to ask if he would accept the nomination. He said that he accepted the offer made by the people and said that he is sure that the people of Aruba will continue to unite and give Status Aparte the value it merits.

Lotto

San Nicolas—The government Lotto raffle will now be every week on Fridays at 10 a.m. in the San Nicolas Lotto Office. The raffle won't be televised anymore. All Aruba's public is cordially invited to be present at the San Nicolas Lotto Office every Friday in order to witness the drawing.

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FRANK SINATRA demanded cigarettes be placed on every flat surface of his suite.

And while trying to quit smoking, he ordered trays of Hershey kisses and

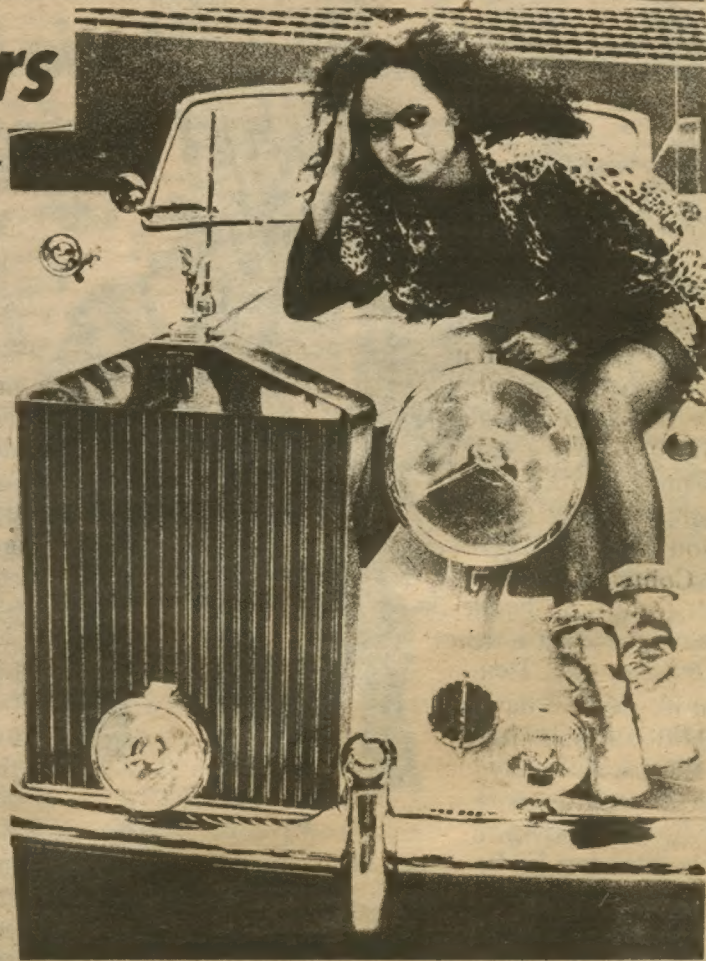
tootsie Rolls, placed every where. Sammy Davis Jr. Sammy loves to catch the latest movies—and when he wants to see one that's showing in town, the casino arranges a private screening at the theater for the star and his pals. Buddy Hackett—The poly comic once stunned casino employees by demanding they have the tail pipe and muffler on his car fixed. He also insists on a footbath in his dressing room and being put up in a 26-room mansion outside the city. Ann-Margret—The sultry star relaxes in her suite with a video game she requires the casino to provide. Ann always asks for the game Centipede. Engelbert Humperdinck—No matter what the season, Humperdinck wants fresh mangoes and other tropical fruits provided for him. Casino employees have traveled as far as Philadelphia and New York City to find fruit for him. Mickey Gilley—When good ol' boy Mickey is in Atlantic City, he demands a case of beer for every member of his band, plus access to a field to play softball. Danny Thomas—Danny's contract stipulates he will be served only the coffee he has plugged on TV, instant Maxwell House. Suzanne Somers

All the former "Three's Company" star asks is that she have six fresh gardenias brought to her room each day. Hotel execs are so anxious to please Suzanne that even when gardenias aren't in season they have the flowers flown in. Barry Manilow—Musical heartthrob Manilow's contract calls for a beachfront house with a pool—and it must be surrounded by an eight-foot-high privacy screen. Diana Ross—At least six



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limos must be at Diana's beck and call 24 hours a day. She also demands a mansion outside the city equipped with a stereo system and a large kitchen for her own private soul food cook. Johnny



DIANA ROSS may go for a ride — so she has six limousines on call 24 hours a day.

Mathis—A daily visit from an exterminator is on Mathis' "Must" list, because he can't stand the sight of bugs wherever

he stays. When in Atlantic City, Mathis insists on a house with a pool and tennis court.

Ghanaians Want Penpals In Aruba

THE LOCAL has received a number of letters from young people in Ghana requesting penpals in Aruba. Following are their names and particulars: Jucilla Ivy Moses, age 21 years, c/o Mikado, Address Box 304, Oguaa, c/r Ghana, West Africa. Hob-

bies: cultural arts, sports love and marriage. Cynthia Koomson, age 22 years. Address: c/o Brother Paakow, Box 705, Oguaa c/r Ghana. Hobbies: swimming, bible reading, culture, post card collecting, music. Jullie Nana Rhule age 24 years. Address: c/o P.O. Box 126, Oguaa c/r Ghana West Africa. Hobbies: friendship, sports, culture, music. Eric Ampiah age 25 years. Address: P.O. Box 304 Oguaa, c/r Ghana, West Africa. Hobbies: sports, culture, music, travel, writing. Johnathon Ak yem poong, age 20 years. Address: P.O. Box 668, Cape Coast, Ghana, West Africa. Hobbies: Music, sports, reading, sightseeing and dancing. Joe Akyempoon Jr. age 21 years. Address: P.O. Box 668, Cape Coast Ghana, West Africa. Hobbies: sports, movies, dancing, travelling, swimming and walking.

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON: DeVries gives son William a few pointers on skiing.

mily. We go to church together, we talk. We play. The surgeon became famous in December 1982 when—in an operation that shook the world—he transplanted an artificial heart into the chest of 61-year-old dentist Barney Clark. The pump the size of two small fists kept working even when Clark died 112 days later after several organs in his body failed. The last word Barney told me were 'Doc don't let them discourage you. Next time it will be better, recalled Dr. De Vries. I was determined to follow Barney's advice



BEST FRIENDS: DeVries and wife Karen enjoy a game of racquetball. "I still feel as if we were on our honeymoon," he says.

I didn't want his sacrifice to be in vain. Last novem

ber 25, Dr. De Vries again made headlines when he implanted an artificial heart into William Schroeder. Until one of my patients is out of danger, I live in the hospital. I'm always at his bedside. This can go on for weeks and the only way my wife and children see me is to come and visit me at the hospital. But none of us complain about these long periods of separation—they are part of my job as a doctor. In surgery the most important person there for me is my wife. Karen never misses my most important operations. She watched the surgery on Schroeder, praying all the time. Before entering the operating room, Dr. De Vries selects music to listen to during



BARNEY CLARK was DeVries' first artificial heart patient.

surgery, which normally lasts several hours. While operating on Barney Clark he listened to Maurice Ravel's Bolero. And for Schroeder's surgery, the doctor chose music by Antonio Vivaldi and Felix Mendelssohn, as well as a long solo by saxophone player Grover Washington Jr. Music is Dr. De Vries third passion—along with heart surgery and sports, he said. It helps him relax. To me, heart surgery is an incredible



DR. WILLIAM DeVRIES compares the Jarvik-7 artificial heart (left) with a model of a natural heart.



WILLIAM SCHROEDER became second person to receive artificial heart.

spiritual experience, said Dr. De Vries. While I move my scalpel down the chest of a man, I feel very humble and very close to God. I never forget that

my efforts no matter how perfect, can do very little without God's help.

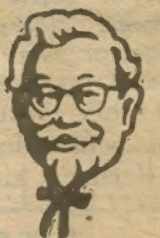
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who firmly believed in the concept of the end justifying the means and she had no qualms in deeming him "politically ruthless", in the realisation of his personal political ambitions.
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step to safeguard my health. Good physical health is vital to staying young

7. LOOK AT LIFE WITH A SENSE OF HUMOR

Maintaining a healthy sense of humor is a tremendous way to feel good about yourself and stay younger. Laughter releases the tensions of all your cares and frustrations. It gives you a new, happier perspective on your problems. Enjoy a good laugh and be able to laugh at yourself. Buy or borrow a book of jokes or turn on a TV comedy to get the laughter started. Laughing is like any-

thing else—once you learn how, it gets easier.

8. ENJOY YOUR FAMILY

I have five married children, 16 grandchildren, and a wonderful wife. Like every family we've been through good times and bad, but through it all we've stayed very close and I'm never happier than when we're all together. Recently we spent three wonderful days on vacation, talking and playing together for hours. At the end of those three idyllic days, I felt a surge of happiness. Make a point of visiting or calling your relatives as much as

possible. As the TV commercials say, Reach out and touch someone....

9. DON'T FEAR GROWING OLDER

Researchers have found that the right attitude toward growing older is essential to the quality of life in middle and old age. I got a letter in middle age and old age. I got a letter from a man who was about to retire. He wrote: All my life I've been absorbed in my work and now that I'm retiring I'm scared to death of growing old. I wrote back urging him to think about his reretirement as a brand-new phase of his life. I recommended that he find a hobby and make new friends. He wrote back later, telling me he'd found a bunch of new friends and a hobby building furniture. He was full of spirit and had adopted

a youthful approach to life.

10. BELIEVE IN LIFE AFTER DEATH

Death doesn't worry me in the least. When it happens, it will be the greatest moment in my life because

I know there is everlasting life with God. By placing my life in Christ's hands, the burdens that afflict millions of people the world over are lifted from my shoulders. Emotionally, I become revitalized every time that my thoughts turn to life in heaven. And I also find myself making a conscious effort to protect this body God has given me. After all you wouldn't deliberately abuse a precious gift from a dear friend, would you. That's the way I feel about my body. And that's why I determined to stay looking and feeling as young as possible for as long as possible.



TOGETHERNESS of family life brings joy, says Rev. Graham, shown with his wife Ruth.

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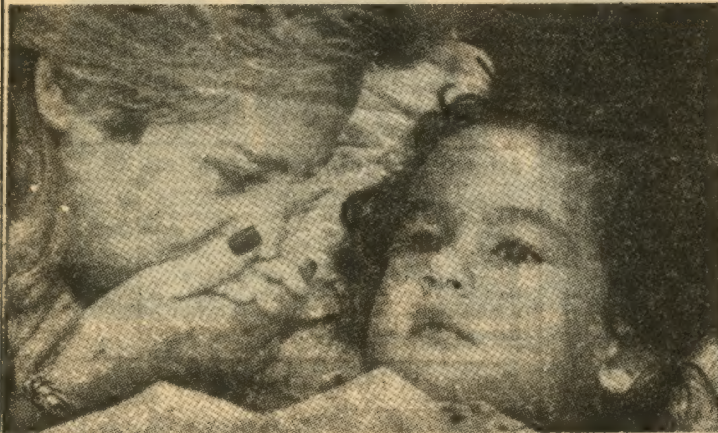
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3-year-old survives 6-story fall



**Laura Schwartz comforts daughter
6-story fall.
Kristy Abad after child's**

A 3-year-old girl was walking and talking Monday after falling six stories from the balcony of a Miami apartment building.

"There is absolutely nothing that could have saved her but God's help," said 21-year-old Laura Schwartz, the mother of Kristy Abad. The little girl was in good condition late Monday night at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Kristy, a curly-haired, brown-eyed girl, survived her fall onto a narrow strip of grass with only bruises, her mother said. "As far as I can tell, there's no broken bones, no internal bleeding."

The doctors who treated the 3-year-old could not be reached.

Schwartz said the accident happened about 2:30

p.m., when she and her daughter were playing inside their one-bedroom apartment, on the sixth floor of a complex at 801 NW 47th Ave.

Rafael Tapanes, a security guard at the complex, said he spotted Kristy alone on the balcony and sent someone to knock on the apartment door, but no one answered.

Schwartz said Kristy sneaked onto the balcony after being left alone for a moment and slipped through its bars.

"It was very quick," Schwartz said. "I went to the bathroom and the next thing I know, I'm calling my daughter. There she was lying flat on her stomach on the ground." Schwartz rushed to her daughter's side.

"She was alive," said Schwartz, noting that her daughter was able to walk. "She looked right in the eyes and said, 'Mommy, I fell off the balcony'."



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By CHRISTINA CHEAKALOS
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Herald Staff Writers

Thanks to a quick-acting Customs official and two medical professionals who had been sunbathing, a 51-year-old man burned in a boat fire was in good condition Sunday night, said Kitty Pryor, a Customs spokeswoman.

The burn victim, identified as Merrill Spivak, 51, of 2345 Biscayne Bay Dr., in North Miami, was in Jackson Memorial Hospital with first-degree burns over 10 percent of his body.

Shortly before noon Sunday, three Customs officials on routine patrol saw smoke coming from a small island near Haulover Inlet, known as Beer Can Island, a favorite spot for weekend sun worshipers. When they got closer, the men saw a 38-foot Trojan cabin cruiser engulfed in flames, Pryor said. They also noticed a man,

clad only in shorts, lying on the beach about 30 feet from the anchored boat.

One Customs official, Bob Crankshaw, got off the boat and saw that the man, Spivak, was burned. While he waited with Spivak, the other two officials went back to Haulover Pier to wait for rescue units.

Crankshaw began asking people on the island if they knew Spivak. One woman said, "I'm a registered nurse," and pointed to a friend and said, "And he's a paramedic," Crankshaw said.

The three administered emergency treatment, including dousing the man with water to keep him cool, until a Metro-Dade police boat arrived.

"I think it's great that they helped," Crankshaw said. "I have no idea who they are. Our main interest was to get that man to a hospital. I'd like to thank them."

Most women think they get sexier with age

MOST middle-aged women believe they are sexier today than they were 10 years ago, says a surprising new report.

The Collagen Corp., which manufactures cosmetics to smooth wrinkles, surveyed 1,000 women between the ages of 35 and 54, and found that the vast majority of them have a young outlook on life.

Conversely, said the women, men treated them too respectfully, as if they were little old ladies. The women wanted more spontaneity.

The survey also revealed that middle-aged women see nothing wrong with relationships with younger men — flings, steady romances and even marriages.

In fact, 69 percent of the women surveyed said there's nothing wrong with a woman marrying a man 10 years younger, than she is, and 36 percent approved of marriages to men 20 years younger.

Asked what they enjoyed most about approaching middle age, 63 percent of the women replied, "more freedom." Many said that they have more time for themselves now that their children are grown. As a result, they said, their marriages are better.

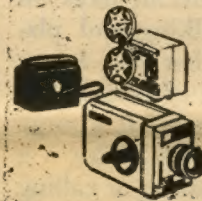
The women added that they felt more secure, relaxed, confident, wise, patient and happy than when they were younger.

More than one-third of the women said that they were considering cosmetic surgery, coloring their hair or using anti-wrinkle treatments so their looks will match their youthful attitudes.

Eighty percent said they dreaded wrinkles most among the signs of advancing years.

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Mom got suicide advice

Daughter's book details efforts to end suffering

NEW YORK — (AP) — Former television reporter Betty Rollin says in a new book that she secretly conducted research to help her terminally ill mother commit suicide two years ago.

Rollin said her role in the drug overdose death of Ida Rollin, 75, in her Manhattan apartment did not violate a state law against "promoting suicide."

"I did not directly help my mother to commit suicide," the former ABC and NBC reporter said Monday. "If I did, I would not have written a book about it."

"I did research, and I gave my mother the information [about how to commit suicide]," she said. "That's not a crime."

In the book, *Last Wish*, Rollin explains how her mother, after months of torturous and apparently futile chemotherapy for inoperable ovarian cancer, expressed the desire to end her own life.

"This isn't life" and "I want to die more than anything in the world," Ida Rollin was quoted as

saying.

Rollin wrote that after many conversations with evasive and fearful physicians, she contacted an elderly American doctor living in the Netherlands. He suggested a dosage of Nembutal, a potent sedative, combined with Compazine, a depressant, to be taken with club soda.

The unidentified doctor also told Rollin to stay with her mother for two hours after she took the pills, but to leave the apartment at that point and arrange for the body to be found by someone else.

"If everything goes smoothly, the doctor will write on the death certificate that your mother died of natural causes," he said. "If there's a suspicion of suicide, there'll be an investigation. You don't want that."

Those words "got me thinking about what I hadn't thought about since the beginning, what I still didn't want to think about — that we were probably about to commit a crime," she wrote.

Rollin said Monday that before writing the book, she consulted a lawyer, who told her she had done nothing illegal.

A book reviewer in The Washington Post said some "legal authorities ... could see Rollin's book as a confession of murder."

"I can't imagine anybody calling me a murderer if they read the book," Rollin responded. "I never brought [suicide] up. I never encouraged it. All I did was provide information. It was her act, her wish."

And when Ida Rollin swallowed the pills, "I didn't even touch her," she said.

But after Ida Rollin mumbled her last words, the "whole suicide business," which often seemed unreal, crashed down on her daughter.

"The cement that has been holding me together begins to crack," she writes. "I stumble backwards, collapse into a chair, and with both hands clamped over my mouth, I sob. I sob heavily, but not for long. Because when I look up and see how still she is, I know that she has found the door she was looking for ..."

Although Betty Rollin's husband picked up the pills and took them to his mother-in-law's



Betty Rollin: Defends actions in mother's death.

apartment, the pills were prescribed by Ida Rollin's physician at her request.

Had it not been for her daughter, who wrote scores of pages describing the difficulties of finding out how to commit suicide, could Ida Rollin have ended her life?

"Oh yes," Betty Rollin said. "She was intelligent and determined."

Under New York state law, "promoting suicide" is a felony punishable by up to four years in prison. The law defines promoting suicide as "intentionally causing or aiding another person to attempt to commit suicide."

Burnham's Body Be Embalmed

GEORGETOWN—The body of the late President Forbes Burnham was flown to Russia to be embalmed. After embal-

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Roland Peterson To Be Aruba's First Police Commissioner

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Musicians' instruments reveal their personalities

THE instruments musicians play reflect their personalities, according to a new study.

Drummers, for example, tend to be loud and boisterous, while harpists are quiet and withdrawn, say psychologists Jack Lipton of Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., and R. Scott Bullock of Columbia University in New York City.

The two researchers asked the members of 11 symphony orchestras to describe the personalities of each section in the orchestra.

The brass players were considered to be, like their horns, bold and brazen; the horn players were also described as self-assured.

Woodwind players — clarinetists, and flautists — were seen as quiet, conscientious and intelligent individuals who tended to be a bit fussy.

Violinists, harpists and other players of stringed instruments were viewed as nonathletic, and perhaps a bit stuffy. They considered themselves the most important part of the orchestra, the study said.

Percussionists were easy to get along with, often being described as the life of the party, fun-loving and witty. But some musicians also called them unintelligent and insensitive. Not surprisingly, percussionists were also described as the most hard of hearing.

My 10-Point Plan to Look and Feel Younger By Billy Graham

You can look and feel years younger—and enjoy life more than ever before simply by following my personal 10-point health plan.

I'm happy to share my own formula for staying young in body and soul. It's a plan that incorporates excellent advice given to me by health experts

around the world. I'm 65—and it's helped me stay fit and youthful looking. My plan is both a commonsense and inspirational approach. And by following it, I'm sure you can look great and feel younger too.

1. EAT RIGHT

A friend came to me not long ago. He weighed 300 pounds, but he was only 5 feet 10 inches tall. His spirits were low and his health had begun to deteriorate. "I get up in the mornings and I wonder if life is worth living," he told me sadly. I told him, "Cut out junk food, stay away from fats, start eating plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. Tell yourself I'm going to get my weight—and my life—under control. Well, my friend promised to follow my advice. When I saw him some months later he'd shed more than 50 pounds and he looked wonderful. He told me that eating sensibly had made a fantastic difference in his life. He'd recovered his self-respect and even won a promotion at work. As for me, I'm careful about what I eat. I like lots of vegetables, but not too much red meat. High-fiber cereals are an important part of my diet, but I avoid salt and desserts. I'm 6 feet 2 1/2 inches tall and by watching my diet and eating sensibly I've been able to maintain my weight at 175 pounds since I left college.

2. EXERCISE REGULARLY

Regular exercise is one of the most important steps you can take in maintaining a youthful body. I'm talking about simple exercise that tone up the cardiovascular system. Every day of the week I walk two miles at a brisk 12 or 15 minutes per mile. If the weather is bad, I ride a stationary bicycle. And wherever I am in the world, I look for a swimming pool and swim for 20 or 30 minutes a day.

3. GET SOME SUN

To me, carefully tanned skin looks healthy. And the sun's rays supply us with vitamin D, which strengthens teeth and bones and fights fatigue. But I never lie out in the sun until I'm red because that can lead to premature wrinkling and even skin cancer. I take the sun in small, regular doses, use oils to protect my skin from burning and wear a hat and sunglasses.

4. PROTECT TEETH AND GUMS

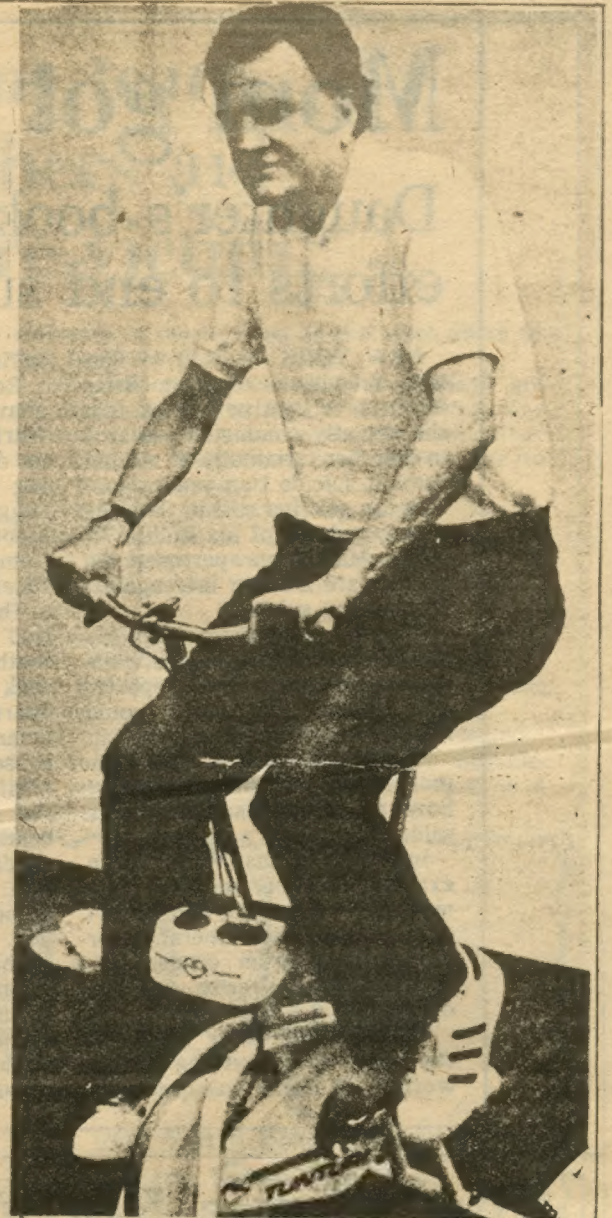
Healthy gums mean healthy teeth. Listen to your dentist. I did—that's why I floss my teeth every day and I steer clear of sticky, sweet foods like candy that can get lodged below the gum line and breed bacteria. I also make sure I'm getting enough calcium each day—either by drinking two glasses of milk or taking calcium supplements. As you grow older, calcium becomes even more necessary to maintain strong bones and teeth.

5. READ

This is a threefold benefit for me. It keeps me abreast of what's happening in the world, keeps my mind active and provides excellent relaxation. An active mind is vitally important to warding off the symptoms of old age. Sadly too many people lose interest in learning new things as they get older. Their lives become empty and they begin to vegetate. For reading is an excellent way to stay young at heart. And if you're young at heart, you look young too.

6. GET REGULAR MEDICAL CHECKUPS

A regular medical checkup 20 years ago revealed that I was suffering from high blood pressure. That enabled my doctor to treat me for hypertension early and that checkup has probably saved my life. I check into a clinic every year for a complete health evaluation. When I come out, I feel really good about myself for having taken that extra



EXERCISE — including bicycle riding — is part of Billy Graham's personal health plan.

Lia Meelis And Willy Willems Winners Of Charlie's Bar Boozer Fun Run

SAN NICOLAS—A large crowd of spectators turned out Saturday afternoon to witness the "Charlie's Bar Boozer Fun Run" in San Nicolas. The event also attracted athletes and running enthusiasts from all parts of the Island, including many marines from Savaneta Camp. Lia Meelis was the winner in the female

category, and Willy Willems took the winner's title in the male category. The main organizer of the event was Charlie Brouns Jr. A word of praise is in order for the organizers of the event which was a huge success, and should be an encouragement for them to continue with similar activities in San Nicolas.

Karate Lessons In San Nicolas

SAN NICOLAS—As of Tuesday, September 2, Karate lessons were started at the San Nicolas Sport Center, under the direction of Mr. Celsio Emer. Lessons will be given twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday between 6 and 8 p.m. The lessons

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ORANJESTAD—The director of the Water & Energy plant, Mr. Arsenio Yarzagaray observed his 25th anniversary in government service on September 1. Management and staff of the plant extended congratulations to Mr. Yarzagaray. In picture: from left to right: acting WEB administrator Mr. Gaby Werleman, Eng. Oei, Deputy Frank Croes, Mr. Yarzagaray, and acting Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Carlos Marquez.

All Pasengers Must Present A Declaration To The Customs

WILLEMSTAD—From september 1 the luggage dispatching at the airport will be handed according to a declaration presented to the customs by the arriving passengers. It is believed that this measure will facilitate the flow of passengers at the airport. The new system will replace the antiquated one which caused the arriving passengers to lose much valuable time. Filling the form is very simple. Besides giving personal data, the passenger must also declare; if he/she is entering the country with fruits, plants, meat, birds or other animals; if the value of the declared articles does not exceed 500 dollars. The passenger must also mention the value of goods bought overseas, if the value or repair of the good exceed \$100 per spersob

this should be mentioned separately declaring the total price of the article. The form must be signed on the reverse by the passenger. Articles on which the passenger does not have to pay import or consumer tax are: 1. the passenger's personal articles or articles used for working. 2. There will be no tax on the above-mentioned articles if they arrive without the passenger if the articles are destined for persons with tax exemption. 3. For persons living overseas tax free articles must leave the country (Antilles) within 6 months. 4. Persons living in the country will not be given tax exemption on articles that do not show marks of being used or on valuable or exception-

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Professor Kapteyn Urges Be More Pragmatic In Describing Properties

ORANJESTAD—At a press conference held last week Professor Kapteyn explained that what has taken place so far concerning the division of gold and properties between the Aruba government and the Central Government has been strictly political expression, there still has to be a juridical accord through formal consultation between the Executive Council of Aruba and the Central Government and later it must be approved by the Staten and the Island Council. In his opinion this must certainly take place before the first of January 1986 and preferably before election on november 22 1985. It appears to the Coordination Commission that there is a tendency among the governments to delay the procedure by going into too many details, and that does not only take too much time but also costs too much money. The coordination commission urges the parties concerned to do their work instead of taking inventory of pencils and erasers etc. Concerning the Aruba police force, the problem is that a considerable number

ber of policemen have requested to be transferred.

Although 5 of the 25 who requested lately be transferred asked to reconsider their petition and said that they are willing to remain in Aruba. The problem does not only involve the number of policemen who requested transfer, but the vacancy in the respective functions. According to indications it is just those of cadre that would be leaving the force and that would leave Aruba without the desired expertise.

According to Professor Kapteyn, the commission recommends the Island and Central Governments to sit at the table with the commanding functionaries of the police force and the NAPB and try to find a solution. The coordination commission is satisfied with its work,

and through its president would like to thank all who have worked, and the press, which according to Professor Kapteyn, many times through publication, spurred the commission to continue its work.

Aruba And Curacao Labor Cont. From Front Page

be taken if and when the measure goes into effect. In addition to the 8.2 percent "solidarity levy" as the measure is being called by the heavily criticized Aruba government the Island Council is also debating on a proposed 25 cent increase in the price of gasoline in Aruba. In Curacao where the tensions are running high Union Labor Unions spokesman Errol Cova said Monday: "That we are going to take actions is definitely settled. What forms of actions will be decided later. We have a plan ready but it's not the time now to release it to the press. It was reported in Curacao Tuesday that the Central Government coalition parties Staten members have plans to take legal steps against those who pelted them with eggs when the much-disputed ten percent tax law was passed by them 12 to 5 on the weekend. According to reports, a video recording was made of the incident and arrests may be made under a law which sets a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment for anyone interrupting a senate meeting.

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of beef a day, and one out of every four restaurant breakfasts served each day in America is sold under the Golden Arches. The chain cracks one million eggs every morning. In 1983, Burger King spent a whopping \$112.5 million on advertising, promotion and marketing. The same budget would put one dollar into the pocket of every person living in Japan. More than 13 million Americans visit McDonald's each that's more people than the combined population of the states of Minnesota, Delaware, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, Vermont, Nevada, Alaska, Washington, D.C., Maine, New Hampshire and Hawaii. If you stacked all the 50 billion burgers McDonald's has sold one on top of the other, they would stretch 1,183,000 miles—enough to make two and a half round-trips to the moon.

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Taiwan Magic Circus Show

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of centuries of acrobatics and magic. The circus is on a tour of Central America and the Caribbean and has already presented shows in Cayman Islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Tortola and St. Maarten. Admission price for the show is Fls. 25 for ringside, Fls. 20 for tribune and Fls. 10 for children. Tickets are available at: Galeria Moderna, Aruba Concorde Hotel, De Palm Tjurs Joey's Drive In, and at members of ARSCA.



ORANJESTAD—Champions of the Interdepartmental softball tournament, the DOW team won the championship by defeating the police team 8-6. The tournament was organized by IDEFRE. Mr. Rudy Leysner, representative of IDEFRE presented the champion and subchampion trophies.



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ORANJESTAD—The Public Library paid homage to the popular Aruban musician, composer, writer and artist, Mr. Padu Lampe. Mr. Lampe was praised for his contribution to the cultural development of the island. There will be an exposition of his paintings at the Public Library until September 16.

Repairs Started On Aruba Caribbean Hotel

ORANJESTAD—About 60 men are working on the Aruba Caribbean Hotel. According to reports the work turned out to be more than was calculated.

Besides repairing the entire building, a complete new line of sanitation equipment will be installed. Seventy percent of

the equipment needed for repairs must be bought in Holland, according to an agreement. The first phase of the job is the main building with its casino, restaurant, nightclub and its 120 rooms located on 6 floors. This section of the building was given preference due to the fact that it must be finished by November 1986. Besides repairing the present building, a new section will be added named Caribbean Wing. The new section will have 190 rooms and it is expected that it will be finished in time for the 1987 season.

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His high points included leading Guyana into political independence in 1966 and into republican status four years later. But with the national debt rising to a staggering one billion US dollars and economic conditions worsening in recent years, Burnham found himself faced with discontent as widespread hardship took hold of the country. In the Caribbean, the late Guyana president also left his mark being a co-founder along with then Prime Minister Errol Barrow of Barbados and Premier Vere Bird of Antigua, of the Caribbean Free Trade Area (Carifta)-Caricom's forerunner. The only son of a Methodist minister and father of five daughters from two married Burnham was a consummate politician. 'Odo' to his very close friends, 'Forbes' to a wider circle of admirers, and 'Comrade' leader to his mass of followers, Burnham emerged from within the shadow of his charismatic, internationally known arch political rival, Dr. Cheddi Jagan, to introduce a style and concept of politics not known

Flashback On Burnham

elsewhere in the anglophone Caribbean. Burnham, the lawyer from Gray's Inn, London, had broadcast his political ambitions to his late sister, Jessica, while he was still a student of London University from where he graduated with honours in 1944. His ambitions ran the gamut for the most high and prestigious officers in Guyana and the West Indies. He wanted to be as he told his sister, mayor of Georgetown, Chief Justice of Guyana, first Prime Minister of independent Guyana and also Prime Minister of the West Indies. Success eluded him in some areas, but Forbes Burnham in his time was the major of Georgetown, president of the Guyana Bar Association, head of the country and one of the Commonwealth's oldest trade unions, the Guyana Labour Union, and the man who wore the mantle of the first Prime Minister on

the night of May 26, 1966 when Guyana became independent of Britain. Four years later, as a consequence of some intriguing political footwork he became the first executive President of the cooperative republic to which his people's national congress government had changed the country's constitutional status by February 1970. Education minister of colonial British Guiana's first popularly elected government in 1953 with Jagan as Premier, Burnham cut links with the people's Progressive Party (PPP) of which he was Chairman in 1955, to lead his own party, later to be established as the People's National Congress (PNC). This was after he failed to capture the leadership of the PPP. When the British suspended the constitution on allegations of a "communist conspiracy" and jailed some of the country's top leaders, Burn-

ham managed to escape the police net, and was never a political prisoner. He failed at successive elections to replace Jagan as leader of government. But in 1964, with the then British government of Harold MacMillan collaborating with the Presidency of the late John F. Kennedy to keep Jagan's PPP out of power, Forbes Burnham's PNC emerged as the dominant partner of a coalition government. A few years later, he was to accept the country's highest award, Order of Excellence (OE) as recommended by a government appointed committee. His rise to power followed the most chilling political and racial disturbances witnessed in the modern political history of the country. In preparation for the 1964 elections, the PPP had issued a pamphlet entitled "Beware My Brother Forbes" written by Burnham's sister, Jessica, who had remained

with the PPP after her brother broke ranks. Through the eyes of his sister, who subsequently died in a London hospital, and from correspondents and statements attributed to the late Guyanese President, a nation and a Caribbean region were to have some glimpses of the politician Forbes Burnham. Burnham had designed politics as the "science of deals"; it is a definition undoubtedly rooted in his admiration for the works of the noted Italian political tactician Niccolò Machiavelli, whose "Prince" Burnham had once described as his "bible". A voracious reader, with a wit and elephantine memory deeply respected by friend and all of whom had come to fear his waspish sarcasm, Forbes Burnham was more than a disciple of Machiavelli, more than the Guyanese political colossus who had with tremendous gladness of heart, repeatedly outfoxed his political opponents of the left and of the right. Jessica Burnham had described her brother as a politician

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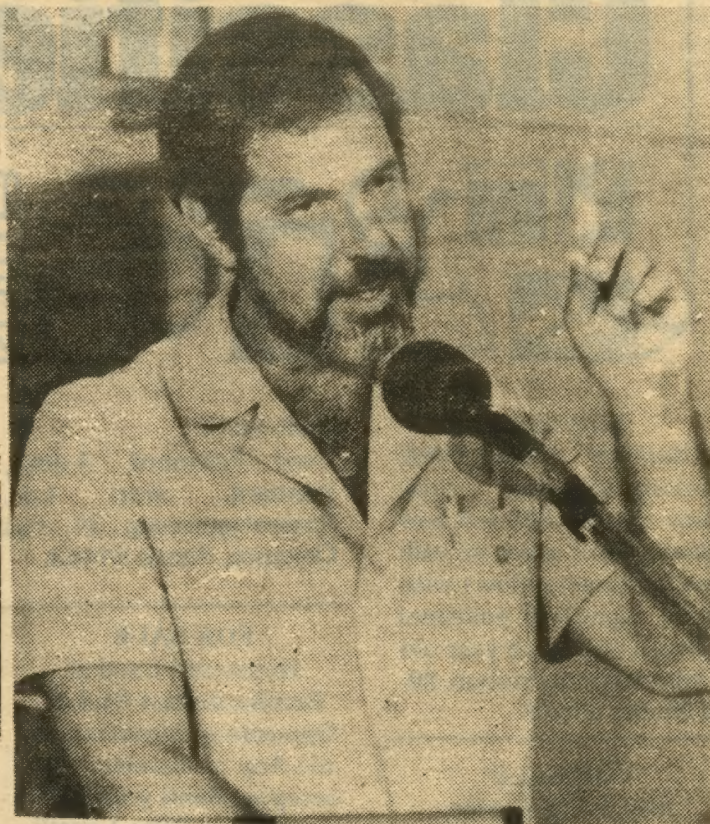
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ORANJESTAD—A large number of people, including representatives of the various political parties, labor union leaders, teachers and members of the community attended

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vidual in that country a citizen who is well informed about his position and who thinks independently and fully accepts his responsibility as a member of the community", said Professor Maingot. The forum was MCD by Mr. Toko Winklaar, who expressed his appreciation that press representatives from Curacao and the Windward Island

were present at the forum. Deputy Grace Bareno of the Public Library extended congratulations to the members of the press and said that she felt proud of the place that the public library is taking in the community which is more than a place where people can borrow books. She referred to the many informative gatherings held recently in the public library. Deputy Bareno then opened an exhibition of Caribbean newspaper and magazines. The Deputy of information, Mr. Frank Croes, also attended the forum.

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